

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009 AT THE GRANTSVILLE CITY HALL, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, GRANTSVILLE, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Closure of the north end of 800 East Street at its intersection with State Road 112.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed closure of 800 East Street.

Kim Russell spoke. She stated most all of residents that live on 800 East are in favor of the intersection closure. She stated the main concern is safety. She stated that if a median is required to be placed on SR 112 for commercial businesses, then all of the traffic wanting to turn left will have to go through 800 East to Durfee then circle back to get to the commercial establishments. She stated that would increase the traffic onto 800 East.

Vern Loveless, Tooele County Engineer, spoke. He suggested that the Council consider future traffic patterns and possible road realignments. He stated that there are some long term plans that are currently taking place in Tooele Valley that could affect Durfee Street and SR 112. Mr. Loveless handed out maps to the Council of proposed street plans for the valley. He stated that Grantsville City has grown east and west but recently there has been more development north and south. He stated that currently Grantsville City is suffering from the lack of north-south corridors. He stated that SR 112 curves and later it may be wise to connect 800 East to Durfee street and Main Street to provide a straight north - south corridor. He stated he is not opposed to the closure but asked that the City not vacate any of 800 East.

Troy Johansen spoke in opposition to the closure of 800 East. He stated that it has been a City street and there has not been any danger proven. He stated that the County engineer brought up some good points. He stated if the City allows for the closure, that the access will not be given back by UDOT if the City wants to open up the intersection in the future.

Nathan Wood spoke in opposition to the proposed closure. He stated he lives on Durfee Street and is opposed to the closure because of the increased traffic load it would create on Durfee Street. He stated he believes the Council made the correct decision already, which was to keep 800 East open. He stated that in the last meeting where 800 East was discussed that Councilman Marshall stated that law enforcement would be more difficult with the closure of 800 East. He stated that Mr. Loveless brought up some excellent points. He stated he has looked over the City Street Master Plan. He stated it was written in 2001 and did discuss the closure of 800 East. He stated that a lot has changed since the master plan was written. He stated that in Section 4-3 it recommends updating the street master plan every two years. He stated it would be better to review the street master plan and then decide whether or not to close 800 East. He stated that he asked for crash statistics from UDOT and it was zero.

Lisa Kelley spoke in favor of the closure. She stated she lives on 800 East and has three small children. She stated she moved from Salt Lake City and chose 800 East because of it being a quiet road. She stated with a median placed on State Road 112 additional traffic will be directed through 800 East and she is concerned about the safety of the residents that live on 800 East.

James Vera spoke. He stated that with the new information brought forth by the Tooele County Engineer he stated it may be good to postpone a decision.

Jay R. Didericksen spoke in favor of the intersection closure. He stated that everyone has a choice of where they live. He stated Durfee and Main Street has always been busy streets and will continue to have increased traffic flow on them. He stated he sympathizes with the safety concerns of the children. He stated that with safety being in mind that heading southbound on 800 East there is not a 90 degree turn so vehicles do not have to slow down there. He said vehicles turning onto Durfee Street must slow down to turn right. He stated the other concern that was brought up was rescue vehicles. He stated that it is only a matter of seconds to use Durfee versus 800 East, not minutes. He stated he met with Troy Peterson from UDOT who said he was advised by a former council member that if UDOT realigned the intersection of Durfee Street at SR 112 that Grantsville City would close 800 East. He stated that it has been brought up as if this was a contract. He stated UDOT did their part and are waiting for Grantsville City to fulfill their part of the agreement. He stated he bought property that is zoned commercial. He stated that placing a median along his frontage in SR 112 and having only a right turn in and right turn out of from the property could hamper business.

Colleen Brunson spoke. She stated Mr. Loveless brought up some new information with the current annexation plans. She stated that it would be in the City's interest to look further into the information Mr. Loveless brought forward. She stated the decision needs to be made to benefit everyone. She stated the Council has talked about the need to review the general plan, the roads, the infrastructure, and with the information Mr. Loveless brought forward then it may help to do that.

Travis Mulfur addressed the council. He stated the closure of 800 East is a touchy subject. He stated many people use 800 East. He suggested conducting an impact study of traffic on 800 East. He stated that the right turn onto Durfee Street is difficult for large trucks to make because it is a steep, sharp turn. He suggested seeing if a solution can be made with the business owners and residents.

Andrea who resides on Sun valley Drive spoke in favor of the closure. She stated Durfee Street was realigned due to safety. She stated the angle of the intersection on the north end of 800 East is a lot more dangerous. She stated when Sun Valley was closed there was a lot of grumbling because of the convenience, but she is thankful it was done because it is now safer. She stated there needs to be a left turn access to businesses. She stated that 800 East is just a short cut street.

Edward Lemmon spoke in favor of the closure. He stated that he has observed a lot of people who do not stop at the stop sign on the north end of 800 East, and just dart onto SR 112. He stated it is unsafe to keep 800 East open.

Breck Russell spoke in favor of the closure. He stated that if people think that it is not dangerous they should observe the street usage for awhile. He stated people always blow through the stop sign. He stated that something also needs to be done to stop the speeding.

Pat Price spoke in favor of the closure. He stated that as construction resumes that the street will be used again as a through street for large vehicles. He stated the street is in bad condition and once large trucks start using it more it will not be a paved road anymore.

Trudy Wilson spoke in favor of the closure. She stated that she understood the Council wanted to promote business and having people make a circle to get to a business does not make sense. She stated she does not think it is in the best interest of the residents to travel down a residential street go through another residential street to get to a business.

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any further public comments. No other comments were offered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

b. Four lot minor subdivision at approximately 347 East Clark Street (Jane Anderson Application).

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed four lot minor subdivision. No comments were offered and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. **Roll Call - Mayor and Council Members:** Mayor Byron Anderson. Council Members Brent Marshall, Paul Rupp, Todd Castagno, Tom Tripp and Mike Johnson.

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Attorney Ron Elton, Public Works Director Joel Kertamus, Building Inspector Mike Haycock and City Recorder Rachel Wright.

Citizens and Guests Present: Trudy Wilson, Pat Price, Breck Russell, Edward Lemmon, Travis Mulfur, Colleen Brunson, Vern Loveless, Brenda Loveless, Troy Johansen, Jay R. Didricksen, Nathan Wood, Kim Russell.

Mayor Anderson welcomed Scout Troop 1706.

2. **Summary Action Items**

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes for October 21, 2009.
- b. Approval of Business Licenses for Bladescape LLC, Asset Realty and Property Management and Goff Lawn Care and Firewood.
- c. Approval of Bills (Invoices) dated November 4, 2009 in the sum of \$33,123.35
- d. Personnel Matters (None)

Motion: Councilman Marshall made motion to approve the summary action items. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2009-22, closing off the north end of 800 East Street at its intersection with State Road 112.**

Councilman Johnson asked Vern Loveless about the approximate time for completion of the proposed Midvalley Highway in Tooele Valley. Mr. Loveless stated the timing depends on the economy. He stated that Tooele County anticipates completion in ten years but it could be as short as five years. He stated the County has already started working on funding for the Midvalley Highway. He stated as development grows then so will the need for the Midvalley Highway project. Councilman Johnson stated that if the City closed 800 East it could be opened up again if necessary. Mr. Loveless stated that he is neither for closing or leaving open the intersection of 800

East and State Road 112, as long as the City does not vacate the road so that in the future it may be reopened.

Councilman Marshall stated he met with two representatives from UDOT which included Troy Peterson and they also met with Jay R Didericksen. He stated they observed traffic for approximately two hours. He stated that they witnessed several close calls at the north intersection of 800 East, one being a school bus that was almost was hit. He stated he did talk to Wayne Butler about a promise to close 800 East when he was a member of the City Council. Butler advised him that he did have a conversation with UDOT about the realignment of Durfee Street. He stated the City did not have the funds to buy the property so the State bought the property. Councilman Castagno stated that as individuals a Council member does not have the authority to make contracts for the City.

Councilman Marshall stated he had a conversation with the UDOT representatives about making 800 East a one way street. He stated that UDOT was opposed to a one way street and would prefer that 800 East closed. He stated one of the biggest issues is that commercial businesses are going to want to locate in the area and a right turn in and right turn out is not very feasible for businesses. He stated the additional time for emergency responders not being able to use 800 East has been determined not to be an issue.

Councilman Johnson stated the City has designated the area across from 800 East as commercial and the City needs to look at how the closure will affect commercial business access. He stated he sympathizes with all parties, but that Durfee Street has been designated as a collector road and by design will have more traffic on it. He stated that at some point Durfee Street will be a four lane street. He stated that the safety is his biggest concern in closing the north intersection of 800 East.

Councilman Tripp stated he appreciated hearing Mr. Loveless's information about future street plans. He stated he is sympathetic to safety but those on 800 East knew there was a road there. He stated everyone would like to live on a street with no traffic. He stated he would like to see a temporary closure of the north intersection, but he stated he hates to feel forced into action by the State. He asked Mr. Didericksen when he would be breaking ground for his proposed mortuary. Mr. Didericksen stated sometime in January 2010 if possible.

Councilman Castagno stated that at first it seemed like an easy decision to close 800 East. He stated it has become one of the hardest decisions for him. He stated that it makes sense to close it today, but if you look to the future it becomes more cloudy. He stated that he does not feel a road should be closed because of residents desires, but for reasons that would benefit the whole community.

Councilman Rupp stated he agreed with Councilman Castagno that it has been one of the toughest issues. He stated it is a tough decision to make. He stated he is not really in favor of closing streets. He stated he agreed with Councilman Castagno that you cannot close a street because residents want to see it closed. He said they are sympathetic to the residents but everyone would like a peaceful street to live on.

Councilman Tripp asked if they could strengthen the language with the closure subject to the future. Attorney Elton stated the closure can always be reversed. He stated the question is whether or not

UDOT will allow access in the future even if the City reopens the intersection. Councilman Tripp stated he would like to see more business locate in the City. Councilman Johnson stated he does not want to force commercial traffic down 800 East. Councilman Tripp stated he would like to participate with Tooele County and UDOT to relocate SR-112 east of its current location and delete the curve by Durfee Street.

Motion: Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-22, an ordinance closing the north end of 800 East Street at its intersection with State Road 112. Councilman Marshall seconded the motion. Councilman Tripp made a motion to amend the ordinance to include language stating the City's intention to encourage and expedite a new connection of SR 112 and SR 138 at approximately 1200 East or Lamb Lane and then to vacate the curve at Durfee Street and reopen 800 East Street as the main north-south corridor in the area. Councilman Marshall seconded the motion to amend. All voted in favor of the amendment. All then voted in favor of the original ordinance with the amendment made by Councilman Tripp.

4. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2009-23, adopting flood damage prevention regulations.

Attorney Elton stated that the proposed flood ordinance is a requirement for future federal funding. He stated the City is not in a flood plain but the City is required to be aware of flood hazards and implement strategies to cope with the same.

Motion: Councilman Castagno made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-23, an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 3 of Title 5 of the Grantsville City Code which adopts flood damage prevention regulations. Councilman Rupp seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. Set date for special meeting to canvas the general election returns.

Motion: Councilman Tripp made a motion to hold a special meeting on November 16th at 5:00 p.m. to canvass the general election results. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. Council Information Updates.

Attorney Elton stated that he is waiting for an impact fee analysis from Craig Neeley to finalize the agreement with Tooele County. He stated his proposed letter to Reckitt Binckiser and Tooele County would allow usage of the City sewer system on a temporary basis pending an agreement with Tooele County. He asked the council if they had any objection to the draft letter. No council members objected.

7. Adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Marshall made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:45 p.m.